

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
a communication section which performs image data  
communication ~~utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer~~  
~~network~~ by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail  
5 transmission system;

a section which writes an important mail flag in the mail in  
accordance with an instruction made by a user when the user  
requests transmission of the image data;

a printer;

10 a determining section which, if a delivery confirmation  
mail, which notifies whether delivery of the ~~image data~~ mail has  
succeeded or failed, has arrived, determines whether the delivery  
confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery  
success of the ~~image data~~ mail transmitted from the communication  
15 section, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the  
important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the  
mail transmitted by the communication section; and

a control section which causes the printer to print an image  
based on the delivery confirmation mail ~~, only~~ if at least one  
20 of: (i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery  
confirmation mail and (ii) the determining section has determined  
that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery

failure, and which causes the printer not to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail if both: (i) the important mail  
25 flag is not included in the delivery confirmation mail and  
(ii) the determining section has determined that the delivery  
confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication  
section ~~transmits~~ comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a facsimile apparatus, wherein the facsimile apparatus includes: including a  
printer, and a communication section which performs image data  
communication, utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer  
5 network by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail  
transmission system, and a section which writes an important mail  
flag in the mail in accordance with an instruction made by a user  
when the user requests transmission of the image data, the method  
comprising:

10 determining, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies  
whether delivery of the ~~image data~~ mail has succeeded or failed,  
has arrived, whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a  
delivery failure or a delivery success of the ~~image data~~ mail  
transmitted from the communication section, wherein the delivery  
15 confirmation mail includes the important mail flag if the  
important mail flag is written in the mail transmitted by the  
communication section; and

causing the printer to print an image based on the delivery  
confirmation mail ~~, only~~ if at least one of: (i) the important  
20 mail flag is included in the delivery confirmation mail and  
(ii) it has been determined that the delivery confirmation mail  
notifies the delivery failure, and causing the printer not to  
print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail ~~[[,]]~~ if  
the both: (i) the important mail flag is not included in the  
25 delivery confirmation mail and (ii) it has been determined that  
the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

Claims 9 and 10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8,  
wherein the mail transmitted by the communication section  
~~transmits~~ comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is  
attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

12. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
communication means for performing image data communication  
~~utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network by~~  
transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail transmission  
5 system;

means for writing an important mail flag in the mail in  
accordance with an instruction made by a user when the user  
requests transmission of the image data;

means for printing an image;

10 means for determining, if a delivery confirmation mail,  
which notifies whether delivery of the ~~image data~~ mail has  
succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery  
confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery  
success of the ~~image data~~ mail transmitted by the communication  
15 means, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the  
important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the  
mail transmitted by the communication means; and

means for controlling the printing means to print an image  
based on the delivery confirmation mail ~~, only~~ if at least one  
20 of: (i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery  
confirmation mail and (ii) the determining means has determined  
that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery  
failure, and for controlling the printing means not to print an

image based on the delivery confirmation mail [[,]] if both:

- 25    (i) the important mail flag is not included in the delivery  
confirmation mail and (ii) the determining means has determined  
that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery  
success.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus according to  
claim 12, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication means  
~~transmits~~ comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is  
attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.